

REMARKS

These remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 8, 2009 (“the Office Action”). The Applicant thanks the Examiner for a careful and thorough examination of the above-referenced Application, as well as the indication of allowable subject matter.

Status of the Claims

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-52 were pending, with claims 1, 30 and 46 being rejected and the remaining claims objected to or allowable. Claims 2-5, 8-9, 16-18, 22, 24-25, 31-32, 34, 38, 40-41, 43, 47 and 50 are amended herein and were indicated as allowable in the prior action. Support for these amendments may be found throughout the Specification. No new matter is being submitted. Claims 1, 30 and 46 are hereby cancelled.

Conclusion

The Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and notice of allowance are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that prosecution might be advanced by discussing the application with the Applicant's counsel, in person or over the telephone, the Applicant's counsel would welcome the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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